

(b) if so, the Monsoon Trends predicted by the Meteorologists, as per latest information available with his Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The India Meteorological Department has predicted a normal monsoon in the country in 1996, normal being defined as within $\pm 10\%$ of the long period average value for the country as a whole for the period from June to September.

The present rainfall trend is towards a normal monsoon as per the long range forecast of the India Meteorological Department.

Privatisation of Oil Fields

1641. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have repivatised some oil and gas fields;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to privatises the exploitation of some gas and oil fields;

(d) if so, the details of the proposals of the Government in that regard; and

(e) the policy of the Government on the privatisation of oil/gas fields?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) and (b). Government of India so far approved the award of contract for exploration/development of the following blocks/fields under production sharing arrangement with private participation.

Exploration blocks

1. GN-ON-90/3	Pranhita Godavari onshore basin.
2. KG-OS-90/1	Krishna Godavari offshore basin.
3. GK-ON-90/2	Gujarat Kutch onshore basin.
4. RJ-ON-90/1	Rajasthan onshore basin.
5. CY-OS-90/1	Cauvery offshore basin
6. RJ-ON-90/4	Rajasthan onshore basin.
7. RJ-ON-90/5	Rajasthan onshore basin.
8. BB-OS/5	Bombay offshore basin.
9. CY-OS/2	Cauvery offshore basin.
10. KG-OS/6	Krishna Godavari offshore basin.
11. GK-OS/5	Gujarat Kutch offshore basin.
12. CB-OS/1	Cambay offshore.

13. CB-ON/7	Cambay onshore.
14. CB-ON/2	Cambay onshore.
15. RJ-ON/6	Rajasthan onshore.
16. CB-OS/2	Cambay offshore.

Discovered oil & gas fields

Hazira	Gujarat
Cambay	-do-
Bhandut	-do-
Matar	-do-
Sabarmati	-do-
Indrora	-do-
Bakrol	-do-
Lohar	-do-
Dholka	-do-
Wavel	-do-
Baola	-do-
Asjol	-do-
PY-1	Cauvery offshore
Mid & South Tapti	Bombay
Panna	-do-
Mukta	-do-
Ravva	Krishna-Godavari.
Kharsang	Arunachal Pradesh.
Ratna and R-series	Bombay offshore.

(c) and (d). Bids have also been received for 36 exploration blocks under the 7th, 8th and joint venture bidding rounds as well as for 16 small sized and 6 medium size discovered fields.

(e) The reasons for offering these balocks/fields for private participation include :

- To supplement the Oil exploration activities of ONGC/OIL.
- Marginal economics of some of the fields.
- Low reserves of the small fields offered.
- To augment total investment in exploration and development.
- To help augment the oil/gas production by way of quickly putting these fields on production.
- For the application of enhanced oil recovery processes.
- To induct the latest managerial and technological practices.

CAPART

1642. SHRI RAMCHANDRA VEERAPPA : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the funds from CAPART are being